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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR FEBRUARY MEETING OF OECD HIGH-
LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES (HLGC)

1. IN ABSENCE OF HLGC CHAIRMAN PETER PRESTON (DEPARTMENT OF TRADE), WHM IS NOW IN BUCHAREST, WE DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN INGRAM. INGRAM PERSONALLY AGREES WITH OUR VIEWS BOTH ON SCHEDULING AND SUBSTANCE. HE PROMISED TO CABLE PRESTON IMMEDIATELY, BUT FORESEES NO DIFFICULTIES.

2. RE PARA 3 OF REFTEL CONCERNING THE CANADIAN AND FRENCH POSITION ON MARKET AND SUPPLY ACCESS, INGRAM FEELS CANADIAN POSITION, AT LEAST, IS NOT EXCESSIVELY FIRM AND THAT A SOLUTION CAN BE WORKED OUT PRIOR TO HLGC MEETING. AT WORST, HE THINKS A SOLUTION MIGHT BE REACHED DURING THAT MEETING.

3. CONCERNING GROUP B WORKING PAPER IN GENERAL, INGRAM SAID THIS PAPER COULD FORM A GOOD BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, BUT LDC'S PROBABLY WOULD WANT MORE, SO WOULD ACCEPT WORKING PAPER ONLY AS STARTING POINT. FINALLY, INGRAM SPECULATED THAT HLGC MAY WIS TO CONSIDER DISCUSSING RESULTS OF KILGSTON MEETING AT CORM, AS WELL AS INVITING SECRETARIES GENERAL OF CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATION "TO TESTIFY" AT THE MEETING. (INGRAM GAVE IMPRESSION LATTER WERE HIS OWN IDEAS WHICH HE HAD NOT YET THOUGHT THROUGH).

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